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- 1. REQUEST EMBASSY BONN ASK FRG AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO A JOINT US-FRG INVITATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN TO SEND MILITARY OBSERVERS TO THE FRG PORTION OF EXERCISE BONDED ITEM. YOU SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
- -- THIS INVITATION WOULD BE OUTSIDE OF THE CSCE/CBM CONTEXT.
- -- IT WOULD BE DESIGNED TO BRING SPANISH OFFICERS INTO CLOSER CONTACT WITH ALLIED ACTIVITIES AS PART OF A GENERAL PROCESS OF BRINGING SPAIN CLOSER TO NATO WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS WITH FRG.
- 2. IF THE FRG IS FAVORABLE TO AN INVITATION, EMBASSY BONN SHOULD SUGGEST THAT AS HOST COUNTRY THE FRG APPROACH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT FOR ITS VIEWS, BEARING IN MIND THAT IT IS THE FRG SECTION OF BONDED ITEM WHICH IS AT ISSUE AND THAT THE DANES ARE MINORITY PARTNERS IN THIS PHASE. DANES SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT SPANISH ATTENDANCE WOULD BECOME GENERALLY KNOWN. IF DENMARK OBJECTS TO AN INVITATION TO SPANISH OBSERVERS, WE WOULD OF COURSE DROP THE MATTER AND LOOK FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO INVOLVE SPANISH IN ALLIED EXERCISES.
- 3. IF WE OBTAIN FRG AND DANISH CLEARANCE, WE WILL WISH TO MAKE THE INVITATION DETAILED AND INTERESTING TO THE SPANISH ARMY, AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY MADRID. ROBINSON

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